

Griffmen Clash With Cleveland
In Capital's First Sunday Game

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Central Challenges Technical
To Decide Track Championship

GRIFFMEN AND INDIANS TODAY MAKING BASEBALL HISTORY IN DISTRICT WHEN THEY MEET IN FIRST SUNDAY CONTEST

By LOUIS A. DOUGHER.

Major league baseball history is to be made today in the Capital when the Cleveland Indians and the Washington Griffmen, each using their best pitcher, meet in the first Sunday game ever allowed to be played here. The seating capacity of the Georgia avenue park is expected to be severely taxed, for the advance sale of tickets has been heavy. Baseball fans are coming from as far away as Richmond and Baltimore, while Washington's own dyed-in-the-wool rooters, cooped up in shop and office the other six days of the week under the extra stress of war requirements, are sure to be on hand. Business Manager Fowler has taken every precaution to care for a record-breaking crowd. It is expected that close to 20,000 spectators will be present today when the bell rings at 3:30 o'clock setting the two teams off on their bitter struggle.

Walter Johnson, Washington's greatest pitcher, who has won his last four battles, going eighteen innings Wednesday before conquering the World's Champion White Sox, 1 to 0, will climb the hill for the Griffmen. He is in perfect pitching condition and hopes to make his winning streak five straight before nightfall. He will be opposed by Stanley Coveleskie, the Cleveland Indians' leading hurler, who has won his last two games and is striving for his third in a row. With two such efficient twirlers in action, the fans do not look for much scoring.

Two thousand men in khaki, the majority from Camp Meade and Camp Meigs, will be the guests of the Washington club today. They will occupy special seats erected on the field in front of the stands and, judging from other soldier rooters seen at the ball park in the last year, they will provide enough noisy support of the home team to please the most captious. It is the intention of the club to entertain 2,000 soldiers, sailors and marines at every Sunday game throughout the season. Arrangements have been concluded with the internal revenue bureau to waive the war taxes for these guests of the club. Special passes have been distributed by Manager Griffith entitling the bearers to free admission to the ball park.

Today's game was postponed from last Monday. Under former procedure a double-header would have been played on the second visit of the Cleveland club to Washington. However, when the ban was unexpectedly lifted on Sunday outdoor sports in the Capital, President Wilson wired President Ben Johnson, of the American League, asking that either New York or Cleveland be ordered here to inaugurate the Sunday baseball season. Ban selected Cleveland, and so Lee Fohl's aggressive bunch of athletes are the attraction.

Heavy preservation has been taken to accommodate an unprecedented crowd today. The only time the new park has ever been really taxed was in 1912, when the Griffmen returned home to win their sixteenth straight. More than 18,000 fans crowded into the enclosure for that bitter fight. By placing the 2,000 soldier guests in special seats on the field, the home club makes it possible to care for about 18,000 in the stands, pavilions, and bleachers. Seats will be stretched so that those who cannot be accommodated in the seats will still be able to see the ball game. "Nobody will be turned away," announced Manager Griffith, "even if the field is full. We have the biggest stadium in the league, and if the fans really want to see this first Sunday game, even if they have to stand up, there'll be room for them."

Griffmen Are Going Strong. The Griffmen are going strong, and within easy hailing distance of the league leaders. With their present line-up they are playing fast, brawny baseball. They are not killing the ball, but they manage to insert timely pokes that are bringing victories oftener than defeats. Only two more clubs are to make their 1918 debut in Washington, the St. Louis Browns and the Detroit Tigers. Compared with the other five teams, the Griffmen look quite as good. The opponent has outplayed them in a series here, while on the other hand they have made the Boston Red Sox look slightly ill three times handily.

The St. Louis Browns will be at the game today, as they completed their series in New York yesterday. On Monday they open a four-game series with the Griffmen, introducing their new line-up, which includes one of their best players, Les Niska, former Yankee, and Gerber, the Columbus, Ohio, shortstop, and Johnny Quinn, back in the big show for his second trial.

Alamith a Guilty Man. Eddie Alamith is the guilty man. He gave the world's champions an even break in fifty-two innings in four days when he copped a perfect throw from Shanks in the fifth game of Saturday's contest. That ingenious misplay allowed Leibold to score after being blocked off for the third death. Eddie Alamith moved in single to right, scoring Murphy and Eddie Collins.

But for Alamith's sleepy work, "Pink" Yanke's would have completed the 9, in nine frames. Instead of that, after trying it up in their half of the fifth, the Griffen lost in the thirteenth, 5 to 3, when Buck Weaver singled in a pinch, bringing Murphy and John Collins over.

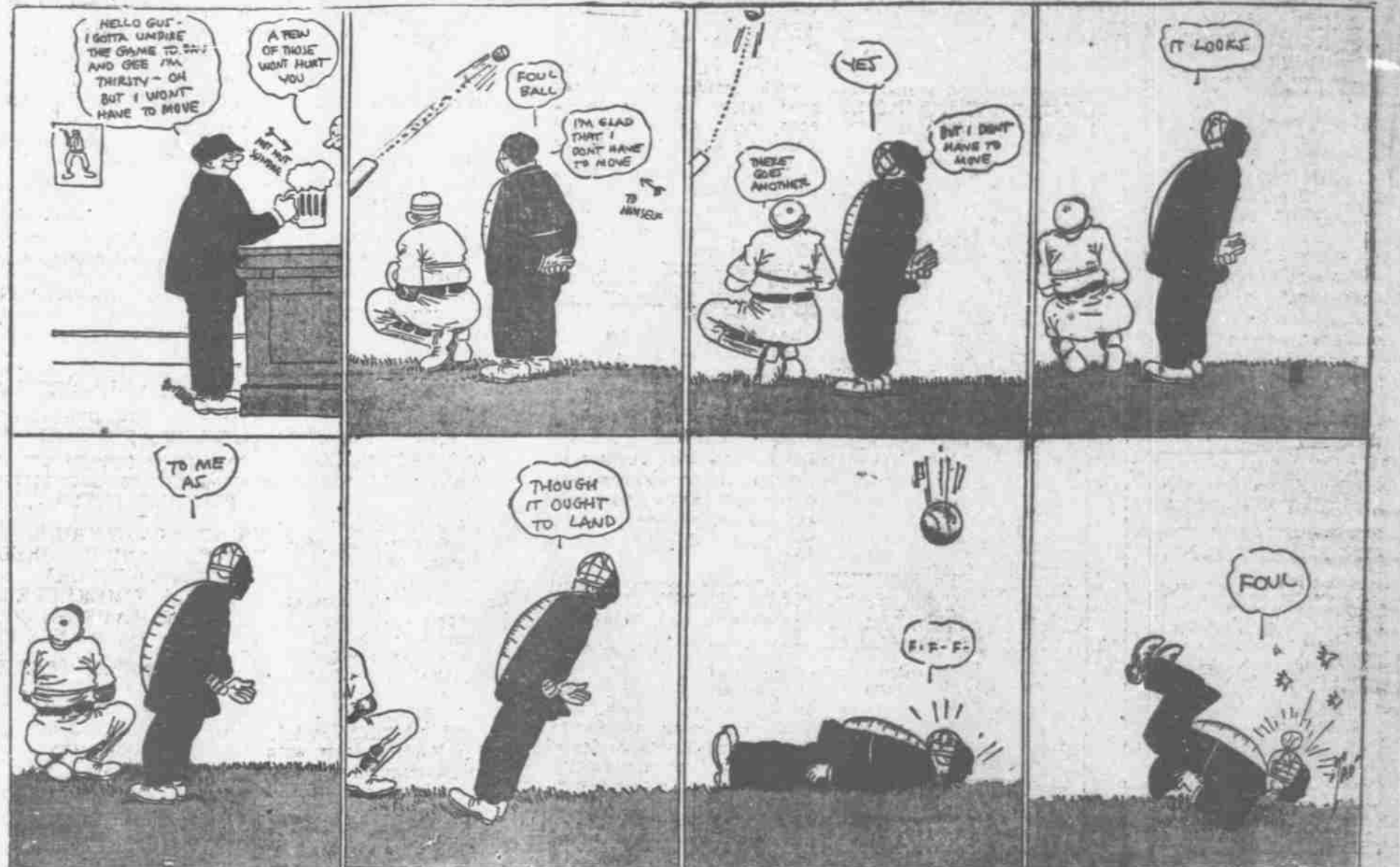
Yankee was hooked up with Urban Faber, of world's series fame, and the veteran southpaw pitched cleverly all the way. He was entitled to a victory inside the limited distance. He issued seven walks, but he also fanned just as many of the foe, frequently in tight places. And he picked the pill three times.

White Sox Cop Three. With two gone in the fifth, Leibold stole second and Murphy drew a pass. Shanks picked up Eddie Collins' hit and made a perfect peg to the plate. Collins caught it and Leibold blocked off by five feet, dropped the ball, and Collins' single brought over two more tallies. Morgan and Foster singled in succession to open the last half of the fifth. Alamith whiffed, but "Young Al" Shotton forced Morgan, who was in a pinch, to hit. Morgan opened the thirteenth by hitting out a roller to deep short. The next two batters, Murphy and Leibold, were out. Collins' walk, and up came Weaver in place of Morgan. Murphy scoring. Morgan threw late to the plate, and Alamith hurried to Leibold, who dropped the ball, allowing John Collins to follow Murphy over with an unneeded run.

He Was All Right on Some Fouls

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By TAD



When Capital Has a Sunday Game

Today's game at Georgia avenue will be the first Sunday contest ever played by the American league in Washington. The Cleveland Indians will be the attraction.

Gates open at 1 o'clock, with the game starting promptly at 3:30 o'clock.

Two thousand men in khaki will be the guests of the club, occupying special seats in front of the stands.

Here are the batting orders:

INDIANS: Grady, cf.; Chapman, ss.; Speaker, cf.; Roth, rf.; Wainby, 2b.; Williams, 1b.; Turner, 3b.; O'Neill, c.; Coveleskie, p.

GRIFFMEN: Shotton, rf.; Lavan, ss.; Milan, cf.; Shanks, lf.; Judge, 1b.; Morgan, 2b.; Foster, 3b.; Ainsmith, c.; Johnson, p.

Yesterday's Games.

Chicago, 5; Washington, 7 (12 innings).

Cleveland, 1; Philadelphia, 2.

Boston, 3; Detroit, 1.

St. Louis, 4; New York, 1.

Where They Play Today.

Cleveland at Washington.

NATIONAL LEAGUE.

W.L.Pet. W.L.Pet.

New York, 13 30 Philadelphia, 11 15

Chicago, 14 9 Boston, 10 17

Cleveland, 15 12 Brooklyn, 11 19

Pittsburgh, 12 11 St. Louis, 9 17

Yesterday's Games.

New York, 4; Cincinnati, 2.

Pittsburgh, 11; Brooklyn, 4.

Chicago, 7; Philadelphia, 11.

Boston, 11; St. Louis, 6.

Where They Play Today.

Philadelphia at Chicago.

New York at Cincinnati.

St. Louis at Boston.

Score by Innings:

Army.....000 100 100 0-7 11 5

Navy.....000 010 221 00-6 5 5

The league is composed of four American and four Canadian teams. All the proceeds will be donated to the British Red Cross and other British war charities.

Admiral Sims pitched the first ball to play, with Major General Riddle receiving it. Arlie Latham, former big league star, umpired.

TECH GETS WORKOUT IN WINNING MEETS

Technical High School athletes got a good workout in both the championship and interscholastic meets at the Central High School stadium. The McKinley Manual Training School lads scored 67 points in the championship events, and 77 in the interscholastic section.

Western High School won second honors in both meets, scoring 39 points in the championship and 48 in the interscholastic events. Eastern scored 5 points each in the championship and was blanked in the interscholastic meet.

The McKinley Manual Training School won 11 firsts and tied for first in the high jump. Western won 11 seconds and 1 first and tied for a first in the championship events. In the scholastic Tech won as it pleased in the distances, but met with more sturdy opposition in the sprints and field events.

SHOCKER MUST REPORT.

NEW YORK, May 19.—Urban Shock, pitcher of the Yankees last year, and who was traded to the Browns in the deal for Eddie Plank and Derrill Pratt last winter, is the latest of the star hurlers to be called to the colors. He received word here to report for duty at one of the national army cantonments May 27.

GARFIELD'S PLAY REX.

Today at Union League Park the Garfields and Rex A. C. will hook up in a diamond battle, beginning at 2:30 o'clock.

FINKENSTEADT IN FORM WITH WIN AT CHEVY CHASE CLUB

R. Finkenstead, of Columbia Country Club, will have his name inscribed on the William H. Taft golf trophy at the Chevy Chase Club, as winner of the 1918 invitation tournament. Finkenstead defeated C. B. Field, of Chevy Chase, former Chicago golfer, by 4 and 3. Finkenstead was steadier all the way and took advantage of Field's wildness by playing better golf.

In the second sixteen Morven Thompson, Chevy Chase, won out over G. H. Chasmer, the Columbia golfer, by 4 and 3, while in the third sixteen, Emmerson S. Smith, Jr., was too clever for J. E. Balnes and won 6 and 5. Smith is capable of qualifying in the first sixteen in both the Washington and Chevy Chase tournaments, but went into the third and won handily.

In the fourth sixteen Harry Wardman defeated H. A. Gillis, by 1 up in sixteen holes in quite the best match of the afternoon. The defeat eight winners were W. P. Cleveland, Aronimink; A. S. Mattingly, Columbia; J. J. Hamilton, Chevy Chase and George R. Trustit, Washington Country Club.

Big League Dope Hot Off Bat

The American League has the following batting record for the first month of play: Games, 181; at bat, 5,867; runs, 735; hits, 1,535; stolen bases, 172; per cent, .258.

Habe Ruth's batting spree was checked by Dave Davenport and Urban Shocker, of the Browns, last Friday, the slugging pitcher getting nary a bingle in three tries, after murdering all kinds of pitching for ten consecutive games. Ruth, in these ten contests, set a batting mark for twirlers to shoot at, going to bat thirty-two times and slugging out six bingles, six doubles, a triple, and three homers, for a total of thirty-three bases, and averaging an even 500 for the streak.

Hughie Jennings' Tigers are the only team in the majors that has not been shut out this season.

Carl Mays halted George Stiller. The Browns' marvel had hit safe in his last eleven games, but twenty hits in forty-four attempts, for an average of .455; he also scored ten runs.

Walter Johnson scored his ninth shutout over the Indians last week. Griff's big gun scoring the lone run of the contest by tripling. In twelve years Johnson has fanned 331 Cleveland batters.

Though the Athletics hammered three homers off the White Sox pitchers, they were defeated after extra innings.

Scott Perry entered the one-hit class by blanking the world champions with a lonely bingle.

Ray Caldwell delivered twice in succession in the role of pinch hitter, winning two games in a row for the Yanks, via the pinch-hit route.

Bullet Bush stopped Tobin, of the Browns, after a batting streak that lasted ten games, and yielded eighteen hits in thirty-nine trials, for .462.

Risberg quit to Johnny Engmann after hitting safely for nine straight games, getting fifteen hits in thirty-seven tries, for an average of .408.

He's Most Versatile Driver



RALPH DE PALMA

This crack autoist, who is noted as the most conservative and versatile driver, has won more big races than any other man in the annals of automobile racing. He has won two Vanderbilt Cup races and also has two Elgin National road victories to his credit. Last year he scored three victories over Barney Oldfield and Louis Chevrolet in a single afternoon. Whether winning or losing De Palma is of the same even temperament, always cheerful and smiling, a trait that has gained him wide popularity. He is expected to start in the Harbinger Handicap at Sheepshead Bay Speedway on Decoration Day.

TECHNICAL TO CONSIDER CHALLENGE OF CENTRAL

Technical High School, which won the twenty-third annual field and track title in the Central High School stadium from Western, Business, and Eastern, is considering the formal challenge for a dual meet, which was issued by Central High School just before the track meet started yesterday.

As the athletes from Technical, Western, Eastern, and Business went on the field yesterday Principal Emory Wilson, of Central, handed William M. Apple, Tech adviser and track coach, a formal challenge for a dual meet.

Central stipulates that the present interscholastic rules shall govern the contest, that the points shall count five, three, and one, for first, second, and third; that a reasonable length of time be given athletes competing in more than one event in order to rest, and that Coach William Foley, of Central, be the starter. William M. Apple is to be among the officers, as is C. A. Mettler, of Central.

The list of events offered by Central to be run in the order named follows: One hundred-yard dash, 800-yard run, 120-yard hurdles, 220-yard dash, 440-yard run, mile run, 220-yard hurdles, shot put, javelin throw, broad jump, high jump, and pole vault.

Technical High School is further challenged by Central to a relay race and it is asked that Baltimore Polytechnic Institute be invited to compete with the two Washington schools in this mile event, which is sure to be in the nature of a championship.

Poly Men Are Stars.

The Baltimore Poly have won all sorts of track honors this season as has Tech. Central's relay team in the championship relay race at the Meadowbrook games in Philadelphia this winter won out over Mercersburg. At the Penn relay games Baltimore Poly won again in the title race. When the annual field and track meet was taken up last winter by the faculty advisers a change was made.

Central objected strenuously to the revisions which were explained by the advisers as opening up competition for more boys in the schools. When the time came to send entries to the high school meet here, Central failed to enter its athletes in the freshmen, interscholastic or title meet. Technical challenged Central to a dual meet through the school paper, and Central's principal formally challenged the Technical athletes to a dual meet yesterday. There was some talk of Tech's passing up the challenge, in view of the fact that Central failed to enter its track squad in competition with all the schools in the meet.

Will Take Up Challenge.

Coach Apple, of Tech, and Principal Daniel, of the McKinley Manual Training School, will take up the matter tomorrow morning. It is understood, and reply to Central's challenge.

Nothing like the challenge has been issued in years here in high school ranks. The Tech-Central meeting in track is expected to sack the stadium. With the issue squarely up to Tech, the Manual Trainers can hardly expect to pass Central up. The M. Pleasant school athletic authorities recently announced to the school that none of the athletes would take part in the field and track games. This special event is sure to draw out a banner crowd.

ST. ALBANS SCHOOLBOYS DEFEAT FRIENDS LADS

St. Alban's School midgets defeated Friends School lower school athletes, in a dual track meet by 61 to 41. The meet was divided into three classes. McCombe, of Friends, won two firsts in the dashes. The St. Alban's boys were strong in the relays and took two of the three tug-of-war contests. Middaugh, in Class C, for St. Alban.

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NAVY VARSITY OARSMEN WIN AMERICAN HENLEY

ANNAPOLIS, Md., May 19.—The navy eight won the American Henley regatta over the Severn river course here yesterday by little more than half a length.

Pennsylvania was second, the navy juniors third, and Columbia fourth. The Navy's time was 11:22.

Syracuse won the freshmen race by half a length, with the Navy second and Pennsylvania third.

BILL JAMES MARRIES; THEN HIKES TO ARMY

BOSTON, Mass., May 19.—Bill James, star pitcher of the champion Braves of 1914, was married here yesterday to Miss Margaret I. Hickley, of Rawlins, Wyo. James, whose arm has been called for military service, has been called for military service.

Accompanied by his bride he left last night for Chicago, Cal., where he will report to his draft board.

DAN GRINER NOW USES CICOTTE'S SHINE BALL

Dan Griner, of the Robins, has a lot of fun at the expense of the opposing batters while he is twirling. In, besides throwing a spit ball with an underhand delivery, is fooling the batters with the shine ball, made famous last season by Eddie Cicotte, of the White Sox.

Toward the end of the game he is pitching, and if the Robins are in the lead it is a safe bet that the opposing batters will stop the contest and complain of the ball the Robins are using.

Recently Griner shut out the Phillies with one hit, and in the last inning the Phillies made Umpire Klem look the ball over. After a close examination Klem threw it to Griner. The Reds did the same thing in Cincinnati, and again Klem O. K'd the ball.

LEAGUE TO MEET.

The Departmental Baseball League will meet tomorrow night at the Office of the Quartermaster General, Fifteenth and L streets northwest, at 8 o'clock.